

Docket No. 216011US3



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoshinobu TAKANO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/987,551

GAU: 2874

FILED: November 15, 2001

EXAMINER: KNAUSS, S.

FOR: BRANCHING METHOD FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a two month extension of time be granted to October 7, 2003, for

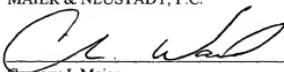
- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a RCE. A timely response to the final rejection, due August 7, 2003, has been filed.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$420.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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